# OFFICIAL CALL Convention of the Ninth Congressional District Republican Committee Saturday, April 28, 2012 10:00 AM George Wythe High School #1 Maroon Way Wytheville, VA 24382

I, Jack Morgan, as Chairman of the Ninth Congressional District Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the District Committee, do hereby issue this Call for a District Convention to be held at George Wythe High School, #1 Maroon Way, Wytheville, Virginia, 24382, or its alternative site, starting at 10:00 AM EDT on Saturday, April 28, 2012, for the following purposes:

- **A.** Electing a District Chairman of the Ninth Congressional District Republican Committee;
- **B.** Electing three (3) members of the State Central Committee;
- **C.** Electing three (3) delegates and three (3) alternate delegates to the 2012 Republican National Convention to be held at the St. Petersburg Times Forum, in Tampa, Florida, or its alternate site from August 27 to August 30, 2012;
- **D.** Nominating one (1) Elector from the Ninth Congressional District of Virginia to serve in the 2012 Electoral College; and
- **E.** For the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.

# **Qualifications for Participation**

All legal and qualified voters of the Ninth Congressional District under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, regardless of race, religion, national origin or sex, who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and who, if requested, express in open meeting either orally or in writing as may be required, their intent to support all of its nominees for public office in the ensuing election, may participate as members of the Republican Party of Virginia in its mass meetings, party canvasses, conventions or primaries encompassing their respective election districts.

In addition to the foregoing, to be in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, unless otherwise stipulated by the appropriate Official Committee, a person otherwise qualified hereunder shall not have participated in Virginia in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party in the last five years. A single exception to this rule shall be approved for a voter that renounces affiliation with any other party in writing, and who expresses in writing that he/she is in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and intends, at the time of the writing, to support the nominees of the Republican Party in the future.

Any voter that utilizes the foregoing exception, and thereafter participates in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party, shall not have the benefit of this exception thereafter. A person who has made application for registration and meets all other requirements, but whose name does not appear on the local registration books solely because of the books having been closed in connection with a local election, will nevertheless be

deemed a legal and qualified voter, but shall provide photo identification along with the official Voter Registration Card, provided to he/she by their county registrar.

#### **Composition of Convention**

The District Convention shall be composed of delegates and alternate delegates of the respective units they represent. Representation shall be based on a percentage of the total number of Republican votes cast in each county and city in the last gubernatorial and presidential election combined. Each unit is entitled to one (1) Delegate Vote for each two hundred fifty (250) votes cast or major portion thereof for the Republican candidate in the most recent elections for President and Governor. Each unit shall be entitled to at least one (1) Delegate Vote. The delegates and alternates shall be elected in county and city mass meetings, party canvasses or conventions that shall be called for this purpose in conformity with the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia by each unit committee. The number of delegates and delegate votes of each Unit shall be as follows:

Unit	<b>Delegate Vote</b>
Alleghany	23
Bland	14
Bristol City	29
Buchanan	31
Carroll	54
Covington	6
Craig	11
Dickenson	22
Floyd	30
Galax City	9
Giles	30
Grayson	30
Henry	66
Lee	38
Martinsville City	16
Montgomery	122
Norton City	5
Patrick	35
Pulaski	58
Radford City	16
Roanoke	51
Russell	45
Salem	47
Scott	45
Smyth	53
Tazewell	75
Washington	106
Wise	58
Wythe	55

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### **Registrations**

Registration shall begin at 8:00 AM EDT and shall conclude at 10:00 AM EDT. The Convention shall be called to order at 10:00 AM EDT.

### **Balloting**

Election to all offices shall be by plurality vote. For the election of State Central Committee members, those receiving the top three highest vote tallies shall be deemed elected. For the election of Delegates and Alternates to the 2012 Republican National Convention, those receiving the top three highest vote tallies shall be deemed elected as Delegates to the 2012 Republican National Convention and those receiving the fourth, fifth and sixth highest vote tallies shall be deemed elected as Alternates to the 2012 Republican National Convention. No proxy voting will be permitted. Delegates must cast their own ballots. Names of the candidates shall appear on the ballot in alphabetical order for each office. Balloting shall not begin before 10:00 am EDT. The Elections Committee shall design procedures to permit candidates (or their designees) to observe balloting and counting of ballots. The Elections Committee may enact such rules as it deems appropriate in its discretion to ensure the integrity and security of the voting process.

# **Candidacy Filing Requirements**

Any person who desires to seek election as: Chairman of the Ninth District Republican Committee, State Central Committee member, Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the 2012 Republican National Convention, or as a Presidential Elector must file a written statement to that effect and pay the filing fee by the stated deadline. <u>The declaration</u> <u>and filing fee must be received by 6:00 p.m. EDT on Saturday, April 14, 2012</u>, and must include full name and contact information. Please deliver to Jack Morgan, current chairman or his designee at 12122 Grapefield Rd, Bastian, Virginia 24314. Postmarks do not govern. No nominations shall be accepted from the floor of the District Convention. If, at the Convention, any office has only one candidate file to be elected, the candidate for that office shall be deemed to be elected.

The non-refundable filing fees are: Ninth District Chairman--\$100.00 (One Hundred Dollars), State Central Committee--\$100.00 (One Hundred Dollars), Presidential Elector--\$100.00, and Delegate/Alternate to 2012 Republican National Convention--\$25.00. All filing fees are payable to the Ninth Congressional District Republican Committee.

# **<u>Certification of Delegates</u>**

The said delegates and alternate delegates to the District Convention so elected by their respective units shall be certified in writing with their respective names, addresses (including zip codes), and phone number over the signatures of the permanent chairman and permanent secretary of the unit mass meeting or convention, or of the unit chairman of the unit committee which may have conducted a party canvass to select the delegates and alternate delegates. Every person elected as a delegate or alternate to the Ninth District Convention will be asked to pay a voluntary \$5.00 fee. This voluntary fee will be

paid either to the unit represented and the unit will forward it to the Ninth District Committee, or the fee can be paid by the individual at the Convention during registration.

ALL CERTIFICATIONS AND APPLICABLE FEES, REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF UNIT MASS MEETING, PARTY CANVASS OR CONVENTION MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN SIXTEEN (16) DAYS PRIOR (**Thursday, April 12, 2012**) TO THE CONVENING OF THE DISTRICT CONVENTION, OR DELIVERED IN PERSON NO LATER THAN 6:00 PM EDT, FOURTEEN (14) DAYS PRIOR (**Saturday, April 14, 2012**) TO THE CONVENING OF THE DISTRICT CONVENTION.

ALL CERTIFICATIONS AND FEES SHALL BE MAILED OR DELIVERED TO:

- Original to: Jack Morgan, Chairman Ninth Congressional District of Virginia Republican Committee 12122 Grapefield Rd. Bastian, Virginia 24314
- <u>Second Copy</u>: Damie Carter, Secretary Ninth Congressional District of Virginia Republican Committee 365 Cowboy Lane Jonesville, Virginia 24263

<u>Third Copy:</u> for the Unit's permanent records

After the filing deadline of the certification, no change may be made except for a certified alternate delegate may be made a delegate. A copy of the published call of the unit mass meeting, convention or party canvass shall accompany the certification. Filing and registration fees are not tax-deductible.

### **Committees**

Members of the Credentials, Nominations, Elections, Resolutions, and Rules Committees shall be appointed by the District Chairman and shall meet in advance of the Convention (at the discretion of the Temporary Chairman of each such Committee and the District Chairman) to perform their duties subject to ratification by the delegates present and voting at the Convention. The Convention shall be conducted in accordance with the Plan of Organization of the Republican Party of Virginia, and Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

### **Revisions**

In the event that the redistricting process requires technical or conforming changes to the Call, the District Chairman is authorized to revise the Call to make any such technical or conforming changes. The District Chairman must promptly notify the District Committee of any such conforming changes.

Approved by the Ninth Congressional District Republican Committee, February 12, 2012 Paid for by the Ninth Congressional District of Virginia Republican Committee Not authorized by any candidate of candidate's committee www.va9gop.org